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QUARTERLY REPORT ON CERTAIN STAINLESS STEEL AND ALLOY TOOL STEEL

HIGHLIGHTS

During the third quarter (July-September) 1986, compared to the second quarter of 1986:

- DOMESTIC PRODUCTION of the stainless steel and alloy tool steel products covered by the investigation decreased 16 percent to 238,961 tons; decreases occurred in all product categories.
- U.S. PRODUCERS' SHIPMENTS declined 8 percent to 247,461 tons.
- AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT of production and related workers decreased 4 percent to 10,636 workers.
- U.S. PRODUCERS' AND IMPORTERS' PRICES showed noteworthy declines and increases among products. There were more declines than increases in producers' prices compared with the previous quarter, but importers' prices showed more increases than decreases.
- U.S. IMPORTERS' UNFILLED ORDERS increased 10 percent to 45,582 tons.
- U.S. IMPORTERS' INVENTORIES decreased 8 percent to 21,473 tons.

U.S. production and producers' shipments

U.S. production of the stainless steel and alloy tool steel products covered by the investigation decreased overall from April-June 1986 to July-September 1986. There were production declines in all product categories, partly reflecting reduced activity resulting from traditional summer vacation schedules and reductions in plant operations. Concurrently, there were shipment declines in all product categories.

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Employment and hours worked

The average number of all persons employed in producing the subject stainless steel and alloy tool steel decreased from 14,965 persons to 14,897 persons, or by 0.5 percent, from April-June 1986 to July-September 1986. Employment of production and related workers fell from 11,030 workers to 10,636 workers, or by 4 percent, over the same period. Total employment, and production and related worker employment, have been decreasing steadily since the second quarter of 1984. The number of hours worked by production and related workers declined by 13 percent during the period, reflecting a six-week strike by production workers at a company which produces stainless steel plates and bars.

U.S. producers' prices

Surveys of the weighted average prices of selected domestic stainless steel and alloy tool steel products showed more price declines than increases between April 1986 and September 1986 for sales to both service centers and end-users. The decreasing trend in producers' prices continues the downward pattern that occurred during the first half of 1986. The most noteworthy price decrease was for * * *.

U.S. importers' prices

Pricing data reported by U.S. importers for certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel products revealed more price increases than decreases between April 1986 and September 1986. The upward movements indicate a shift from the fluctuating pattern which had characterized importers' prices since early 1985. Price increases were recorded in certain shipments of * * *.

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U.S. importers' unfilled orders and inventories

Data on importers' unfilled orders from foreign sources indicate an overall increase between June 30, 1986 and September 30, 1986. There were increases in such orders for * * * and decreases in orders for * * * during the period. Importers' inventories of * * * decreased between the two quarters, while inventories of * * * rose.

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Table 1.--Certain stainless steel and alloy tool steels: U.S. production, U.S. producers' shipments, average number of all persons employed, average number of production and related workers employed, and number of man-hours worked by production and related workers, by specified periods, October 1982-September 1986

Period	U.S. production	U.S. producers' shipments	Average number of all persons employed	Average number of production and related workers employed	Man-hours worked by production and related workers
	---tons---				
1982:					
Oct.-Dec.---	162,178	163,952	13,904	9,742	4,308,228
1983:					
Jan.-Mar.---	204,170	196,850	15,411	9,725	5,002,444
Apr.-Jun.---	234,292	230,994	14,782	10,069	5,687,220
Jul.-Sep.---	291,662	264,304	18,705	13,507	6,784,504
Oct.-Dec.---	315,624	293,239	19,088	13,622	6,976,217
1984:					
Jan.-Mar.---	340,076	314,040	19,781	14,551	7,722,920
Apr.-Jun.---	321,407	312,983	19,786	14,311	7,129,109
Jul.-Sep.---	231,874	251,268	19,279	13,961	6,371,711
Oct.-Dec.---	284,644	268,161	19,056	13,660	6,729,271
1985:					
Jan.-Mar.---	313,391	307,153	18,336	13,140	6,739,552
Apr.-Jun.---	323,894	313,349	17,836	12,923	6,879,067
Jul.-Sep.---	273,340	279,146	17,077	12,222	6,002,974
Oct.-Dec.---	254,487	272,054	16,170	11,467	5,782,480
1986:					
Jan.-Mar.---	265,905	272,872	15,567	11,240	5,799,222
Apr.-Jun.---	283,583	270,110	14,965	11,030	5,747,533
Jul.-Sep.---	238,961	247,461	14,897	10,636	5,009,457

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 2.--Certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel: U.S. production, by types and by specified periods, October 1982-September 1986

(In tons)

Period	Stainless steel				Alloy tool steel, all forms
	Sheets and strip	Plate	Bar	Rod	
1982:					
Oct.-Dec.---	107,873	23,145	17,321	5,067	8,772
1983:					
Jan.-Mar.---	143,081	22,538	21,113	6,195	11,243
Apr.-Jun.---	160,718	23,437	27,105	8,489	14,343
Jul.-Sep.---	215,116	24,690	31,123	8,174	12,559
Oct.-Dec.---	217,471	30,710	37,188	10,893	17,352
1984:					
Jan.-Mar.---	226,397	29,727	46,701	13,029	24,222
Apr.-Jun.---	201,604	35,433	47,080	13,462	23,920
Jul.-Sep.---	130,561	29,367	41,377	9,615	20,934
Oct.-Dec.---	176,174	33,747	42,782	11,015	20,926
1985:					
Jan.-Mar.---	203,589	35,734	46,158	10,071	17,879
Apr.-Jun.---	213,547	42,168	44,717	7,338	16,124
Jul.-Sep.---	185,045	34,944	32,367	5,620	15,364
Oct.-Dec.---	164,066	31,658	34,239	7,741	14,783
1986:					
Jan.-Mar.---	170,519	29,739	37,164	10,098	15,385
Apr.-Jun.---	195,467	33,434	37,368	9,585	17,709
Jul.-Sep.---	158,705	26,713	28,636	8,891	16,016
1986:					
July-------	57,322	10,590	10,578	2,724	4,352
August-----	51,422	7,968	9,227	2,941	6,530
September---	49,961	8,155	8,831	3,226	5,134

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 3.--Certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel producers' shipments, by types, by specified periods, September 1986

(In tons)

Period	Stainless steel				
	Sheets and strip	Plate	Bar	[illegible]	[illegible]
1982:					
Oct.-Dec.---	107,711	21,512	19,594	5,188	[illegible]47
1983:					
Jan.-Mar.---	132,297	22,565	24,172	5,976	1 840
Apr.-Jun.---	159,874	24,479	25,380	8,239	[illegible]
Jul.-Sep.---	192,448	24,314	26,534	7,863	[illegible]
Oct.-Dec.---	209,154	27,732	32,024	9,918	[illegible]
1984:					
Jan.-Mar.---	210,616	29,591	41,436	12,201	[illegible]
Apr.-Jun.---	201,518	30,680	42,246	14,096	[illegible]
Jul.-Sep.---	155,535	28,093	38,212	10,434	[illegible]
Oct.-Dec.---	169,922	28,439	37,476	12,490	[illegible]
1985:					
Jan.-Mar.---	205,907	36,108	37,281	9,623	12,234
Apr.-Jun.---	207,267	40,779	40,479	7,232	[illegible]
Jul.-Sep.---	190,149	36,739	31,550	5,900	[illegible]
Oct.-Dec.---	183,923	32,018	32,014	8,173	[illegible]
1986:					
Jan.-Mar.---	177,724	31,106	36,834	9,436	[illegible]
Apr.-Jun.---	176,310	32,375	35,516	9,785	[illegible]
Jul.-Sep.---	165,964	26,516	31,200	9,170	[illegible]
1986:					
July--------	57,572	10,525	10,594	2,854	4,663
August------	55,506	8,266	10,003	2,910	4,929
September---	52,886	7,725	10,603	3,406	5,016

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 4.--Certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel: Average number of all persons employed in U.S. establishments in which certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel products are produced, by specified periods, October 1982 - September 1986

Period	Stainless steel				Alloy tool steel, all forms
	Sheets and strip	Plate	Bar	Rod	
1982:					
Oct.-Dec.	4,320	1,609	3,497	873	3,605
1983:					
Jan.-Mar.	6,249	1,459	3,422	796	3,485
Apr.-Jun.	5,234	1,514	3,450	1,027	3,557
Jul.-Sep.	8,388	1,542	4,112	1,090	3,872
Oct.-Dec.	8,226	1,498	4,316	1,234	3,814
1984:					
Jan.-Mar.	8,748	1,326	4,490	1,264	3,953
Apr.-Jun.	7,789	1,526	5,016	1,304	4,151
Jul.-Sep.	6,573	1,712	5,700	1,158	4,136
Oct.-Dec.	6,472	1,754	5,385	1,244	4,201
1985:					
Jan.-Mar.	6,555	1,619	5,213	990	3,959
Apr.-Jun.	6,405	1,900	5,658	754	3,113
Jul.-Sep.	6,320	1,845	5,192	706	3,014
Oct.-Dec.	5,985	1,607	4,810	866	2,902
1986:					
Jan.-Mar.	5,353	1,416	4,803	943	3,051
Apr.-Jun.	5,061	1,522	4,454	956	2,972
Jul.-Sep.	5,222	1,555	4,299	1,024	2,797
1986:					
July	5,639	1,510	4,292	851	2,880
August	4,982	1,524	4,425	1,088	2,825
September	5,046	1,631	4,180	1,133	2,686

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 5.--Certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel: Average number of production and related workers employed in U.S. establishments in which certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel products are produced, by specified periods, October 1982 - September 1986

Period	Stainless steel				Alloy tool steel, all forms
	Sheets and strip	Plate	Bar	Rod	
1982:					
Oct.-Dec.	3,243	1,162	2,037	476	2,394
1983:					
Jan.-Mar.	3,854	1,056	2,004	456	2,355
Apr.-Jun.	3,842	1,115	2,126	598	2,388
Jul.-Sep.	6,656	1,075	2,656	666	2,450
Oct.-Dec.	6,466	1,115	3,024	780	2,267
1984:					
Jan.-Mar.	6,987	977	3,024	807	2,756
Apr.-Jun.	6,272	1,082	3,496	847	2,914
Jul.-Sep.	5,129	1,220	3,958	735	2,919
Oct.-Dec.	4,983	1,233	3,749	782	2,913
1985:					
Jan.-Mar.	5,099	1,126	3,548	636	2,731
Apr.-Jun.	5,006	1,418	3,852	463	2,184
Jul.-Sep.	4,836	1,337	3,521	443	2,085
Oct.-Dec.	4,527	1,158	3,280	528	1,974
1986:					
Jan.-Mar.	4,023	1,115	3,350	621	2,130
Apr.-Jun.	4,107	1,126	3,102	635	2,061
Jul.-Sep.	4,003	1,122	2,901	659	1,951
1986:					
July	4,328	1,090	2,671	589	2,010
August	3,827	1,102	3,132	668	1,980
September	3,853	1,174	2,901	721	1,863

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 6.--Certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel: Number of man-hours worked by production and related workers in U.S. establishments in which certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel products are produced, by specified periods, October 1982-September 1986

Period	Stainless steel				Alloy tool steel, all forms
	Sheets and strip	Plate	Bar	Rod	
1982:					
Oct.-Dec.---	1,881,440	390,777	879,812	187,186	970,013
1983:					
Jan.-Mar.---	2,384,759	436,443	1,002,148	219,000	960,094
Apr.-Jun.---	2,668,251	465,570	1,106,076	302,000	1,041,423
Jul.-Sep.---	3,020,375	486,076	1,484,447	325,431	1,048,195
Oct.-Dec.---	3,099,366	450,775	1,736,844	408,380	1,240,847
1984:					
Jan.-Mar.---	3,500,712	480,128	1,898,138	456,520	1,387,427
Apr.-Jun.---	2,820,172	559,518	1,846,557	461,516	1,441,665
Jul.-Sep.---	2,301,369	559,121	1,712,532	365,165	1,433,114
Oct.-Dec.---	2,388,108	645,249	1,837,000	394,702	1,463,216
1985:					
Jan.-Mar.---	2,534,419	610,130	1,839,220	333,347	1,421,436
Apr.-Jun.---	2,664,684	845,420	1,963,597	242,741	1,123,421
Jul.-Sep.---	2,476,419	697,449	1,635,601	207,594	985,911
Oct.-Dec.---	2,314,630	625,429	1,592,194	262,699	987,508
1986:					
Jan.-Mar.---	2,124,130	559,331	1,713,397	327,497	1,065,867
Apr.-Jun.-----	2,195,012	589,025	1,577,287	337,943	1,058,272
Jul.-Sep.-----	1,972,141	453,443	1,340,791	298,208	935,874
1986:					
July----------	738,585	172,141	427,026	98,672	322,665
August--------	613,382	142,017	466,193	94,477	305,658
September-----	620,174	139,285	447,572	105,059	307,551

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Table 7a.--Stainless steel sheets (cold-rolled) 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, April - September 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1986:				
April	1,514 - 1,681	1,593	1,573 - 1,736	1,662
May	1,480 - 1,592	1,553	1,595 - 1,639	1,615
June	1,568 - 1,633	1,600	1,623 - 1,677	1,644
July	1,552 - 1,634	1,589	1,614 - 1,663	1,653
August	1,605 - 1,634	1,621	1,634 - 1,755	1,687
September	* * *	* * *	1,614 - 1,770	1,670
	U.S. importers			
1986:				
Apr.-Jun.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
Jul.-Sep.	1,596 - 1,934	1,742	1,596 - 1,932	1,772

1/ Grade 304, 2B finish, 16 gage, 36" - 48", coil.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 7b.--Stainless steel sheets (cold-rolled) 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, April - September 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
U.S. producers				
1986:				
April	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
May	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
June	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
July	* * *	* * *	1,548 - 1,644	1,608
August	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
September	* * *	* * *	1,503 - 1,656	1,566
U.S. importers				
1986:				
Apr.-Jun.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
Jul.-Sep.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 304, 2B finish, 16 gage, 36" - 48", coil.

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Table 8a.--Stainless steel sheets (cold-rolled) 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, April - September 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1986:				
April	-	-	-	-
May	-	-	-	-
June	-	-	-	-
July	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
August	-	-	-	-
September	-	-	-	-
	U.S. importers			
1986:				
Apr.-Jun.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
Jul.-Sep.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 430, BA finish, 24 gage, 12" - 24", coil.

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Table 8b.--Stainless steel sheets (cold-rolled) 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers 2/ to end-use customers, by periods indicated, April - September 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1986:				
April	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
May	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
June	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
July	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
August	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
September	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
	U.S. importers			
1986:				
Apr.-Jun.	-	-	-	-
Jul.-Sep.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 430, BA finish, 24 gage, 12" - 24", coil.
2/ Importers did not report sales to end-use customers during this period.

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Table 9a.--Stainless steel sheets (cold-rolled) 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, April - September 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1986:				
April	* * *	* * *	2,141 - 2,204	2,156
May	* * *	* * *	2,147 - 2,370	2,310
June	* * *	* * *	2,079 - 2,270	2,123
July	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
August	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
September	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
	U.S. importers			
1986:				
Apr.-Jun.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
Jul.-Sep.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 316, 2B finish, 16 gage, 36" - 48", coil.

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Table 9b.--Stainless steel sheets (cold-rolled) 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, April - September 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1986:				
April	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
May	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
June	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
July	-	-	-	-
August	-	-	-	-
September	-	-	-	-
	U.S. importers			
1986:				
Apr.-Jun.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
Jul.-Sep.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 316, 2B finish, 16 gage, 36" - 48", coil.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 10a.--Stainless steel sheets (cold-rolled) 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, April - September 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1986:				
April	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
May	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
June	-	-	-	-
July	-	-	-	-
August	-	-	-	-
September	-	-	-	-
	U.S. importers			
1986:				
Apr.-Jun.	1,336 - 1,474	1,391	* * *	* * *
Jul.-Sep.	1,389 - 1,664	1,512	1,493 - 1,664	1,587

1/ Grade 430, BA finish, 20 gage, 36" - 48", coil.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 10b.--Stainless steel sheets (cold-rolled) 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers 2/ and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, April - September 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. importers			
1986:				
Apr.-Jun.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
Jul.-Sep.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 430, BA finish, 20 gage, 36" - 48", coil.
2/ Producers did not report sales to end-use customers during this period.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 11a.--Stainless steel plate 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, April - September 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1986:				
April	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
May	* * *	* * *	1,847 - 1,962	1,878
June	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
July	* * *	* * *	1,748 - 1,925	1,843
August	1,633 - 1,765	1,732	1,678 - 1,860	1,801
September	* * *	* * *	1,682 - 1,800	1,775
	U.S. importers			
1986:				
Apr.-Jun.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
Jul.-Sep.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 304, HRAP, 1/2" x 72" - 96" x 240" - 290".

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 11b.--Stainless steel plate 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, April - September 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1986:				
April	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
May	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
June	-	-	-	-
July	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
August	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
September	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
	U.S. importers			
1986:				
Apr.-Jun.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
Jul.-Sep.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 304, HRAP, 1/2" x 72" - 96" x 240" - 290".

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 12a.--Stainless steel plate 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U. S. producers and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, April - September 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1986:				
April	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
May	* * *	* * *	2,515 - 2,701	2,635
June	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
July	* * *	* * *	2,462 - 2,860	2,657
August	* * *	* * *	2,376 - 2,680	2,549
September	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
	U.S. importers			
1986:				
Apr.-Jun.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
Jul.-Sep.	-	-	-	-

1/ Grade 316L, HRAP, 1/4" x 72" - 96" x 240" - 290".

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Table 12b.--Stainless steel plate 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, April - September 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1986:				
April	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
May	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
June	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
July	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
August	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
September	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
	U.S. importers			
1986:				
Apr.-Jun.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
Jul.-Sep.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 316L, HRAP, 1/4" x 72" - 96" x 240" - 290".

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 13a.--Stainless steel plate 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, April - September 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1986:				
April	* * *	* * *	1,920 - 2,083	1,976
May	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
June	* * *	* * *	2,000 - 2,083	2,028
July	1,855 - 1,984	1,937	1,855 - 2,020	1,986
August	* * *	* * *	1,781 - 2,046	1,945
September	* * *	* * *	1,782 - 1,946	1,882
	U.S. importers			
1986:				
Apr.-Jun.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
Jul.-Sep.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 304, HRAP, 1/4" x 72" - 96" x 240" - 290".

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 13b.--Stainless steel plate 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, April - September 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1986:				
April	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
May	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
June	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
July	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
August	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
September	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
	U.S. importers			
1986:				
Apr.-Jun.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
Jul.-Sep.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 304, HRAP, 1/4" x 72" - 96" x 240" - 290".

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Table 14a.--Stainless steel plate 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, April - September 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1986:				
April	* * *	* * *	2,380 - 2,642	2,529
May	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
June	* * *	* * *	2,420 - 2,506	2,453
July	2,285 - 2,440	2,365	2,285 - 2,518	2,390
August	2,217 - 2,340	2,270	2,217 - 2,449	2,361
September	2,217 - 2,320	2,289	2,217 - 2,411	2,366
	U.S. importers			
1986:				
Apr.-Jun.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
Jul.-Sep.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 316, HRAP, 1/2" x 72" - 96" x 240" - 290".

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Table 14b.--Stainless steel plate 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, April - September 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1986:				
April	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
May	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
June	-	-	-	-
July	-	-	-	-
August	-	-	-	-
September	-	-		
	U.S. importers			
1986:				
Apr.-Jun.	-	-	-	-
Jul.-Sep.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 316, HRAP, 1/2" x 72" - 96" x 240" - 290".

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 15a.--Stainless steel bars 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, April - September 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1986:				
April--------	2,025 - 2,350	2,162	2,204 - 2,400	2,277
May----------	1,981 - 2,320	2,202	2,228 - 2,377	2,292
June---------	2,035 - 2,310	2,199	2,212 - 2,357	2,259
July---------	1,938 - 2,200	2,120	2,069 - 2,360	2,283
August-------	1,600 - 2,200	2,082	2,034 - 2,341	2,211
September----	1,884 - 2,180	2,043	2,024 - 2,309	2,176
	U.S. importers			
1986:				
Apr.-Jun.----	2,020 - 2,220	2,107	* * *	* * *
Jul.-Sep.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 304, cold-formed, 1 1/2" - 4 3/4", round.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 15b.--Stainless steel bars 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, April - September 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1986:				
April	1,600 - 2,750	2,092	2,116 - 3,618	2,406
May	2,200 - 2,750	2,469	2,332 - 3,619	3,163
June	1,120 - 2,750	1,535	1,360 - 3,624	2,101
July	1,060 - 2,650	1,615	1,282 - 3,621	2,137
August	2,250 - 2,571	2,373	2,260 - 3,435	3,071
September	1,169 - 2,680	2,162	1,494 - 3,466	2,423
	U.S. importers			
1986:				
Apr.-Jun.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
Jul.-Sep.	1,837 - 3,449	2,567	1,837 - 3,449	2,725

1/ Grade 304, cold-formed, 1 1/2" - 4 3/4", round.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 16a.--Stainless steel bars 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U. S. producers and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, April - September 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1986:				
April	2,450 - 2,600	2,476	* * *	* * *
May	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
June	2,400 - 2,935	2,538	2,560 - 3,022	2,568
July	2,320 - 2,845	2,447	2,580 - 3,108	2,629
August	2,327 - 3,000	2,510	2,475 - 3,062	2,610
September	2,400 - 3,106	2,491	2,496 - 3,402	2,654
	U.S. importers			
1986:				
Apr.-Jun.	-	-	-	-
Jul.-Sep.	-	-	-	-

1/ Grade 303, cold-formed, 20/32" - 31/32", round.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 16b.--Stainless steel bars 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, April - September 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1986:				
April--------	2,226 - 3,360	3,207	2,508 - 3,947	3,681
May----------	2,680 - 3,980	3,202	* * *	* * *
June---------	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
July---------	2,500 - 3,360	3,118	2,716 - 3,882	3,726
August-------	2,218 - 3,410	3,278	3,360 - 4,178	3,749
September----	2,540 - 3,840	3,101	2,668 - 4,030	3,516
	U.S. importers			
1986:				
Apr.-Jun.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
Jul.-Sep.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 303, cold-formed, 20/32" - 31/32", round.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 17a.--Stainless steel bars 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, April - September 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1986:				
April	1,840 - 2,180	2,091	1,960 - 2,180	2,066
May	* * *	* * *	1,940 - 2,180	2,082
June	1,820 - 2,160	2,042	1,920 - 2,240	2,138
July	1,900 - 2,373	2,142	1,950 - 3,078	2,155
August	2,000 - 2,570	2,247	2,000 - 2,818	2,364
September	1,770 - 2,160	1,977	1,770 - 2,180	2,014
	U.S. importers			
1986:				
Apr.-Jun.	1,940 - 2,400	2,060	1,940 - 2,725	2,184
Jul.-Sep.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 304, hot-rolled, 1 1/2" - 4 3/4", round.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 17b.--Stainless steel bars 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, April - September 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1986:				
April--------	828 - 2,625	1,450	828 - 2,984	1,966
May----------	1,900 - 2,800	2,167	2,050 - 2,800	2,296
June---------	* * *	* * *	1,122 - 2,474	1,769
July---------	1,980 - 2,840	2,652	2,200 - 3,328	2,836
August-------	1,600 - 2,295	2,137	2,295 - 2,874	2,619
September----	1,900 - 2,840	2,138	2,180 - 3,396	2,605
	U.S. importers			
1986:				
Apr.-Jun.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
Jul.-Sep.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 304, hot-rolled, 1 1/2" - 4 3/4", round.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 16a.--Stainless steel bars 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, April - September 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1986:				
April--------	1,670 - 2,140	2,037	1,730 - 2,140	2,002
May----------	* * *	* * *	1,791 - 2,178	1,943
June---------	1,050 - 1,800	1,625	1,050 - 1,939	1,737
July---------	1,800 - 2,140	1,828	1,800 - 2,140	1,937
August-------	1,040 - 1,900	1,585	1,067 - 2,018	1,642
September----	1,700 - 1,800	1,706	1,800 - 1,894	1,892
	U.S. importers			
1986:				
Apr.-Jun.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
Jul.-Sep.----	-	-	-	-

1/ Grade 410, hot-rolled, 1 1/2" - 4 3/4", round.

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Table 19b.--Stainless steel bars 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers 2/ to end-use customers, by periods indicated, April - September 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1986:				
April	* * *	* * *	1,000 - 3,365	2,049
May	* * *	* * *	980 - 3,122	2,287
June	960 - 2,480	1,966	970 - 3,325	2,274
July	1,100 - 2,427	2,041	1,100 - 3,307	2,284
August	1,210 - 3,340	1,669	1,210 - 3,365	2,485
September	2,480 - 2,898	2,667	2,728 - 3,548	3,424
	U.S. importers			
1986:				
Apr.-Jun.	-	-	-	-
Jul.-Sep.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 410, hot-rolled, 1 1/2" - 4 3/4", round.
2/ Importers did not report sales to end-use customers during this period.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 19.--Stainless steel wire rod 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, April - September 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1986:				
April--------	1,614 - 1,700	1,632	1,676 - 1,826	1,738
May----------	1,597 - 1,700	1,630	1,644 - 1,752	1,711
June---------	1,160 - 1,659	1,559	1,698 - 1,870	1,800
July---------	1,614 - 1,700	1,659	1,651 - 1,917	1,762
August-------	1,160 - 1,585	1,339	1,663 - 1,904	1,748
September----	* * *	* * *	1,676 - 1,820	1,736
	U.S. importers			
1986:				
Apr.-Jun.----	1,600 - 1,780	1,638	1,640 - 1,780	1,664
Jul.-Sep.----	* * *	* * *	1,660 - 1,870	1,628

1/ Grades 302 or 304, .217" - .250", round.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Table 20.--Alloy tool steel bars 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, April - September 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1986:				
April	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
May	2,080 - 4,580	2,482	2,080 - 4,580	2,718
June	2,080 - 4,980	2,550	2,080 - 4,980	2,894
July	2,098 - 4,980	2,428	2,300 - 4,980	2,625
August	2,080 - 5,600	2,278	2,080 - 5,600	2,337
September	2,080 - 4,980	2,234	2,080 - 4,980	2,383
	U.S. importers			
1986:				
Apr.-Jun.	1,940 - 2,199	2,100	* * *	* * *
Jul.-Sep.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade H-13, annealed, rough-turned, 3 1/8" - 5 1/16", round.

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Table 21.--Alloy tool steel bars 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, April - September 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1986:				
April	5,280 - 7,200	6,063	6,027 - 7,908	6,707
May	5,539 - 7,200	6,136	5,785 - 7,566	6,521
June	5,580 - 7,200	6,072	6,146 - 7,350	6,575
July	5,580 - 7,200	5,976	6,094 - 7,500	6,630
August	5,280 - 7,200	5,961	5,884 - 7,671	6,442
September	5,580 - 7,200	5,865	5,833 - 7,500	6,415
	U.S. importers			
1986:				
Apr.-Jun.	5,800 - 7,200	6,189	5,851 - 7,200	6,444
Jul.-Sep.	5,660 - 7,200	5,945	5,923 - 7,200	6,485

1/ Grade M-2, annealed, centerless ground or rough turned, 1 13/16" - 3", round.

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Table 22.--Alloy tool steel bars 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net-selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, April - September 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1986:				
April	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
May	1,000 - 3,800	2,498	* * *	* * *
June	* * *	* * *	3,550 - 4,109	3,742
July	* * *	* * *	2,400 - 4,740	3,057
August	* * *	* * *	2,200 - 3,800	3,129
September	* * *	* * *	2,400 - 4,740	3,074
	U.S. importers			
1986:				
Apr.-Jun.	* * *	* * *	2,819 - 4,007	3,380
Jul.-Sep.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade D-2, annealed, rough turned, 4 1/16" - 6", round.

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Table 23.--Alloy tool steel bars 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, April - September 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
	Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
	U.S. producers			
1986:				
April	3,980 - 6,300	5,299	5,718 - 6,597	5,826
May	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
June	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
July	4,200 - 5,875	5,661	5,689 - 6,277	5,783
August	3,980 - 6,600	5,599	5,626 - 6,600	5,807
September	4,032 - 5,520	4,854	* * *	* * *
	U.S. importers			
1986:				
Apr.-Jun.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
Jul.-Sep.	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade D-2, annealed, cold finish, decarb free, 2" - 2 1/2" thick, 3" - 4" wide, flat.

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Table 24.--Certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel: U.S. importers' unfilled orders from foreign sources, by types, as of June 30, 1986 and September 30, 1986

(In tons)

Date	Stainless steel				Alloy tool steel, all forms	All products subject to relief
	Sheets and strip	Plate	Bar	Rod		
1986:						
Jun. 30	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *	41,354
Sep. 30	18,297	* * *	4,368	* * *	8,162	45,582

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 25.--Certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel: U.S. importers' inventories, by types, as of June 30, 1986 and September 30, 1986

(In tons)

Date	Stainless steel				Alloy tool steel, all forms	All products subject to relief
	Sheets and strip	Plate	Bar	Rod		
1986:						
Jun. 30	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *	23,272
Sep. 30	4,665	* * *	5,994	* * *	8,889	21,473

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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